

Initial: 9/92
Reviewed/revised: 8/1/13
Revision: 6

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS**  
**PRACTICAL SKILL**  
**SYNCHRONIZED**  
**CARDIOVERSION**

Approved: M. Riccardo Colella, DO, MPH, FACEP
Page 1 of 1

<b>Purpose:</b> To deliver an electrical charge to the myocardium, synchronized to the depolarization of the ventricle		<b>Indications:</b> Patient presents in: ventricular tachycardia with pulses or unstable supraventricular tachycardia that has not responded to antiarrhythmics	
<b>Advantages:</b> Provides rapid conversion of dysrhythmia	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Painful if administered without sedation	<b>Complications:</b> May result in ventricular fibrillation	<b>Contraindications:</b> Patients taking digitalis preparations

